

# Australian Pipeline Industry Association Ltd

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## **Conlon decision good for S.A. - APIA**

The Australian Pipeline Industry Association - representing Australia's gas transmission industry - has welcomed the decision by the South Australian Government to revoke coverage of the Moomba to Adelaide Pipeline, owned and operated by Epic Energy.

"This decision is in the interests of South Australians as it will encourage further private sector investment in gas transmission infrastructure," APIA Chief Executive, Cheryl Cartwright, said today.

"Clearly, the Minister, Hon Patrick Conlon, has given great consideration to this decision, as the application was made about two years ago," Ms Cartwright said

"But it is a triumph for commonsense as there is no requirement for this pipeline to be regulated.

"The decision is an indication that Mr Conlon and the South Australian Government understand the need to encourage private sector investment in gas transmission pipeline infrastructure, both in new pipelines and capacity expansions."

Ms Cartwright said that, in the recent debate regarding regulation - particularly over-regulation - of the gas transmission industry, the South Australian Government was prepared to demonstrate that regulation has its place.

"Regulation should be applied when its benefits can be demonstrated, not when there is competition or when it is not in the long-term interests of business and consumers."

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